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2 was it, the SEC wrote Rule 19C3, I think. I
3 may not get this precisely right. The SEC
4 tried to write a rule that prohibited low
5 vote or non-voting stock after there was a
6 big outcry over this subject, which was the
7 second outcry.

8 The first outcry occurred before
9 the great crash, a professor came down to the
10 New York Stock Exchange and proclaimed that
11 it was unfair to shareholders to have
12 non-voting stock and the New York Stock
13 Exchange rewrote the rules to prohibit it.
14 But then we have the American and Nasdaq,
15 which didn't have those rules, and in the
16 80s, there was a hue and cry over that, I
17 mean -- and the committee was appointed by
18 the SEC to study this issue, or it may have
19 been appointed by the stock exchanges.

20 Anyway, I served on that committee
21 and we wrote a report which led to 19C3,
22 which was then, I think, ruled beyond the
23 powers of the SEC to enact, but anyway, I
24 have some basis of experience in this.

25 I would have to go back and study

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2 what came up, but it is hard to get away from
3 the impression that there is a serious
4 difference in value between the right to vote
5 and the absence of a right to vote or the
6 right to have only a limited vote.

7 Q. Did you go back and study the work
8 you did for the American Stock Exchange?

9 A. Not at all.

10 Q. And --

11 A. I'm just giving you -- I wanted to
12 mention that so that it is not a surprise if
13 I ever mention it again. But I'm giving you
14 my best recollection, which isn't very good.

15 Q. In a company with an 80 percent
16 shareholder, the votes are going to be -- the
17 outcome of any election is going to be
18 determined by that 80 percent shareholders'
19 vote; is that fair?

20 A. Well, unless they have an unusual
21 set of articles or bylaws.

22 Q. And, therefore, the minority
23 shareholders' stock whether voting or not in
24 a circumstance where one entity has a
25 controlling interest is generally equivalent

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2 on those circumstances to non-voting stock,
3 isn't it?

4 A. Not necessarily.

5 Q. Why not?

6 A. Because it's a different set of
7 rights and circumstances can change, and when
8 they do change, the vote may develop more
9 rather than less value.

10 I mean, precisely the situation
11 here where if stock were issued widely to
12 change the 80 percent to something below 50,
13 for example, then the value of the minority
14 share and its vote would presumably go up.

15 Q. At the expense of the majority
16 share?

17 A. Well, I don't know if it is at the
18 expense of the majority.

19 Q. Well, to the extent that voting
20 control has a value, it would shift from the
21 controlling shareholder to all the
22 shareholders generally; is that fair?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. The structure of having a low vote
25 or non-voting stock in your experience is a

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2 fairly common structure for media and
3 entertainment companies?

4 **A. Like the New York Times?**

5 **Q. Right.**

6 **A. It's not uncommon.**

7 **Q. In exchange 2, paragraph 3 of your**
8 **report, on page 3.**

9 **A. Okay. Page 3.**

10 **Q. You make a statement saying that**
11 **"Mr. Fowler's argument is far too narrowly**
12 **based", and we've discussed already some of**
13 **the things that you think Mr. Fowler said.**

14 I want to focus on some of the
15 particular examples that are in this
16 paragraph, and one is the participation by
17 Marvel's top executives, its counsels, and
18 its auditors making the note issuances
19 possible.

20 Do you see that?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 **Q. The participation by its counsel,**
23 **does that refer to the three opinion letters**
24 **that are cited as materials considered in**
25 **Exhibit B to your initial report?**

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2 A. That's one of the elements in
3 participation, yes.

4 Q. Are there any other elements in
5 participation by counsel for Marvel that
6 you're referring to?

7 A. Well, I think counsel for Marvel
8 would have either participated in the road
9 shows or prepared the executives to conduct
10 those road shows. I mean, I think that the
11 counsel was involved in ways that a counsel
12 would be involved if it were issuing these
13 notes itself. The exact scope of that, I'm
14 not sure of.

15 Q. Are you just speculating about
16 that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. What facts are you basing your
19 views on?

20 A. Because the counsel gave this
21 opinion and the opinion required that it have
22 a basis of knowledge to give that opinion.
23 That kind of opinion is not rendered with
24 blinders on.

25 Q. The opinion that was given, you

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2 described in the previous report as a
3 10(b)(5) opinion; is that right?

4 **A. I think so.**

5 Q. And 10(b)(5), does that refer to
6 Rule 10(b)(5)?

7 **A. Of the 34 Act, yes.**

8 Q. And that's a rule that prohibits
9 companies from issuing fraudulent financial
10 statements; is that fair?

11 **A. Fraud of any kind in connection**
12 **with the issuance of securities.**

13 Q. And this 10(b)(5) opinion that
14 you're referring to, is that in essence an
15 opinion stating that the financial statements
16 of the company are not in violation of Rule
17 10(b)(5)?

18 **A. Well, typically a 10(b)(5) opinion**
19 **has a carve out for financials.**

20 Q. So it's not certifying the
21 financial statements?

22 **A. By an accountant.**

23 Q. So it's only certified the
24 financials in that there is no material
25 misstatement or omission in those financial

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2 statement; is that correct?

3 **A. Yes.**

4 Q. And in those circumstances, the
5 counsel for Marvel, he is not giving an
6 opinion to the holding company's public
7 filings. He is just talking about his own
8 company?

9 **A. Yes, as we have agreed, I don't**
10 **know if we've agreed, but that's the source**
11 **of the value here.**

12 Q. So in these circumstances, what the
13 opinion that's being given by the counsel for
14 Marvel is that his company hasn't committed
15 fraud in the non-financial side of its
16 financial statements?

17 MR. FRIEDMAN: I object to the
18 form of the question.

19 Q. Is that fair?

20 **A. No, I don't think the word fraud**
21 **appears in the typical 10(b)(5) opinion. It**
22 **sticks pretty close to the statute.**

23 Q. So there is no materially false
24 statement or omission in the company's public
25 filings?

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2 A. The omission of a fact necessary to
3 make the facts stated therein not misleading.

4 Q. And when a company -- I take it you
5 were at the SEC at one time, correct?

6 A. I was.

7 Q. And you've also been a securities
8 lawyer for many years, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And is it your understanding that
11 investors in public companies are entitled
12 and expected to rely on publicly filed
13 documents from public companies as being in
14 compliance with that Rule 10(b)(5) and 34 Act
15 requirement?

16 A. Is it my understanding.

17 Q. It's a bad question, I'll try it
18 again.

19 If I'm an investor in any public
20 company, I can expect that if I look up the
21 company's public filings, that those public
22 filings are going to be free from material
23 misstatement or omission because the company
24 has endeavored to make sure that they are; is
25 that fair?

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2 A. That's the hope, yes. And I think
3 that the SEC's job is to set up a set of
4 procedures that give the typical investor
5 some assurance that that's the case. That
6 the information furnished to them is
7 reliable.

8 Q. So this expectation that you can
9 rely on the financial statements and the
10 public statements of the company as being
11 free from material misstatement is not
12 something that is special or unique to anyone
13 who gets a 10(b)(5) opinion, but there is a
14 reasonable expectation of any investor; is
15 that fair?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. You also state that the auditors
18 for the company give a comfort opinion. What
19 is your basis for that statement?

20 A. I think that counsel told me that.

21 Q. Have you seen the comfort opinion?

22 A. I don't think I have.

23 Q. And it is not really a comfort
24 opinion, it is a comfort letter, isn't it?

25 A. Well, that's quibbly.

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2 Q. Don't auditors quibble about the
3 word opinion?

4 A. Everybody quibbles about the word
5 opinion nowadays, including lawyers, so a
6 10(b)(5) opinion isn't called an opinion,
7 it's called a letter. It's separated from
8 the legal opinions. All kinds of things are
9 done to try to make it appear to be something
10 that it isn't. And I think the same is true
11 of accounting. Did I call it?

12 Q. You called it a comfort opinion. I
13 do a lot of work in this field and I have
14 never come across a comfort opinion. I have
15 come across comfort letters though, that
16 seems to be a term of art.

17 A. Okay, I grant you that other
18 people, particularly accountants, might call
19 it a letter.

20 Q. And a comfort letter, what is it?

21 A. It's a statement by the auditors
22 that having participated in the offering of
23 securities that is the subject of its letter
24 or opinion, nothing has come to its attention
25 that would suggest to it that there are

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2 misstatements of material fact or omissions
3 of fact that are necessary to make the
4 statements made not misleading. It's that
5 kind of thing. It's sometimes called a cold
6 comfort letter.

7 Q. Is that your understanding of what
8 the letter that Marvel's auditors issued in
9 connection with these offerings said?

10 A. It is.

11 Q. And would it be different to you if
12 instead of that, the comfort letter made
13 reference to its previous conducted audits
14 and identified that the company had been
15 audited as of X date and that that particular
16 auditing firm E&Y had issued audits as of
17 that date and opined as of those particular
18 dates that the financial statements were free
19 of material error?

20 A. I don't understand the question.

21 Q. Okay. As I said in the beginning,
22 I'm happy to rephrase.

23 Would it be different if instead
24 of -- the distinction that I'm asking you
25 about, you said they participated in the

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2 offerings and nothing had come to their
3 attention in the course of the offerings as
4 opposed to referring back to their last dated
5 audit?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And saying we audited this company
8 as of this date, and as of the date of that
9 audit --

10 A. Nothing had come to our attention
11 back then.

12 Q. They all say as of the date of the
13 audit, here is our opinion, that they
14 basically refer back to the last opinion that
15 they gave and advised the underwriters that
16 there is such an opinion stating that the
17 company has financial statements that have
18 been audited in accordance with GAAP as of
19 that date?

20 A. And that's all they said?

21 Q. Yes. Would that be different to
22 you?

23 A. Well, that doesn't sound like the
24 kind of comfort letter that I'm familiar
25 with, if those are the facts. You understand

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2 my purpose in mentioning the things I have
3 mentioned was simply to show that in many
4 respects, the Marvel and its professionals
5 participated in this offering to an extent
6 that suggested that they were very involved
7 in it. And to an extent suggesting that if
8 they hadn't been that involved in it, the
9 offering would have not taken place.

10 Q. Let's ask about the third area
11 which you have mentioned here, which is that
12 Marvel's officers participated in road shows
13 to market the notes.

14 Do you see that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And who, to your knowledge, was a
17 Marvel officer who participated in a road
18 show for the notes?

19 A. I would have to refresh my
20 recollection on that.

21 Q. Do you know what the source of your
22 knowledge for that statement was?

23 A. I think -- I don't know if it is in
24 the opinion or not. I think I know I was
25 told that by counsel, but I may have read it

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2 elsewhere as well.

3 I think I did read it. I mean, I
4 read the brief.

5 Q. You may have read it in a brief or
6 opinion, but you didn't look at any of the
7 underlying evidence on that issue; is that
8 correct?

9 A. What is the underlying evidence?

10 Q. I'm trying to understand the
11 underlying evidence that you're relying on.

12 A. I think I would have had to have
13 been out there and see who was at the road
14 shows. I didn't look at anything anyway.

15 Q. Does it matter to you the extent to
16 which Marvel's officers participated in the
17 road shows? How many officers or how many
18 road shows?

19 A. For the purposes of what I'm trying
20 to say, I don't think it matters.

21 Q. Do you know who Mr. Bevins is?

22 A. Yes, he is one of the officers.

23 Q. He was chief executive officer of
24 Marvel, correct?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. I'll tell you he testified and he
3 participated in the road shows.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. He was also an officer of the
6 holding companies?

7 **A. That's right.**

8 Q. Do you know that his salary was
9 paid by the holding companies?

10 **A. I don't know who paid his salary.**

11 Q. Would it matter to your judgment
12 that you have reached here that Mr. Bevins
13 who participated in the road show was a dual
14 officer and his paycheck came from the
15 holding companies not from Marvel?

16 MR. FRIEDMAN: I object to the
17 form of the question.

18 **A. Well, regardless of who's paying**
19 **you, I guess he is there because he knows**
20 **something about Marvel, and the noteholders**
21 **of the placement agent want someone who knows**
22 **about Marvel to talk about its condition,**
23 **financial condition, and its prospects. I**
24 **assume he didn't answer a lot of questions**
25 **about the holding companies because they**

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2 **aren't doing anything.**

3 Q. Now, if you were a director of
4 Marvel and/or any company, any company that
5 has a large shareholder and is going to do an
6 offering, either a secondary offering of the
7 shares it owns, or something like this where
8 they are issuing notes that are pledged, and
9 you know they are going to go out and tell
10 the Marvel story because Marvel is, as you
11 say, the story that people would be
12 interested in, do you think it would be
13 reasonable under those circumstances for
14 Marvel management to want to be directly
15 involved and be the ones actually out there
16 in front of these investment banks and market
17 makers telling the Marvel story versus having
18 someone else do it?

19 A. Well, if it were benefitting them,
20 their company, whatever they were appearing
21 before was for the benefit of their company,
22 they certainly would want to be there. If it
23 is not benefitting them at all, I think a
24 different calculus applies.

25 Q. Well, let me ask you this: If you

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2 had an opportunity as management of the
3 company to go before large investment banks
4 and other market makers who were not only
5 looking at these notes but who also follow
6 Marvel's stock, issue opinions about
7 recommendations of Marvel's stock, it matters
8 to a company like Marvel what the investment
9 bank and other analysts following the stock
10 think about the company, doesn't it?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you might be concerned, for
13 example, if someone else is going to go out
14 and tell the Marvel story without you
15 actually being present in the room while
16 these analysts who are hearing about Marvel
17 are -- they might get misinformation, for
18 example. Is that a valid concern?

19 A. Well, if it -- yes, you're making a
20 fair point, that they would -- given the type
21 of -- of audience, if it is a bunch of
22 security analysts who follow Marvel stock,
23 they would have an interest in making sure
24 the story is correct.

25 MR. FRIEDMAN: When you reach a

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2 convenient point, can we take a break
3 for a minute?

4 MR. LOCKWOOD: Sure. Why don't
5 we take a break now because my next
6 question will require, I think, a
7 lengthy answer.

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 3:54 and
9 we're going off the record.

10 (Thereupon, a recess was taken,
11 and then the proceedings continued as
12 follows:)

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 3:59 and
14 we're back on the record.

15 BY MR. LOCKWOOD:

16 A. Before you start with this long
17 question, can I elaborate one answer to a
18 question you asked me?

19 Q. If you need to.

20 A. I'd like to.

21 You asked me about the purpose of
22 all of the information that the SEC requires
23 to be delivered to the investors.

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. Whether it is supposed to be

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2 correct material-wise and I said yes. And
3 that was in the context of the 10(b)(5)
4 opinion. I simply want to say that for a
5 lawyer to give a 10(b)(5) opinion is a
6 very -- is not a matter of simply writing it
7 out without having done extensive work, and
8 so in the case of this lawyer giving this
9 opinion, it would represent in the minds of
10 those receiving it, as well as in his mind as
11 a professional, which I assume he was, an
12 opinion based upon a large amount of
13 involvement in the note issuance. The
14 practice, the common practice in giving such
15 opinions is to do today, because of 144A type
16 transactions, to do the equivalent of the
17 kind of due diligence you would do in a
18 public offering. So I don't think -- I think
19 it is simply important to understand what I
20 believe the delivery of that opinion
21 represented in terms of the company's
22 engagement of this offering.

23 Q. The opinion that he gave didn't
24 pertain to the company, the issuers or the
25 securities. It pertained to the business of

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2 Marvel and its prior statements, public
3 statements; is that right?

4 A. Well, I think it pertained to the
5 reps and warranties that were given with
6 respect to Marvel by the holding companies.
7 I think it would pertain to -- it should
8 pertain to anything and everything that
9 the -- that the noteholders were looking at
10 in deciding whether to invest in these notes.

11 MR. LOCKWOOD: Let's mark this as
12 9.

13 (Longstreth Exhibit 9, 10(b)(5)
14 Opinion, marked for identification, as
15 of this date.)

16 A. I have Exhibit 9.

17 Q. So is this the opinion that you're
18 referring to, 10(b)(5) opinion with respect
19 to the Marvel III offering?

20 A. Yes, I think so. Just let me --
21 February, 18, that's one of them.

22 Okay.

23 Q. Let me ask you first, is it your
24 view that an opinion from Marvel's general
25 counsel was necessary, was irreplaceable to

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2 the underwriters in connection with this
3 transaction?

4 **A. Well, it was necessary because it**
5 **was a condition to closing under the purchase**
6 **agreement.**

7 Q. Is it in your experience that the
8 10(b)(5) opinion that you're referring to
9 typically comes from the issuer, the issuer's
10 counsel?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. And in these circumstances, if the
13 issuer had gone to the underwriter and said
14 you're going to be getting an opinion from
15 the issuer's counsel instead of the operating
16 company's counsel, do you have any basis to
17 say that that wouldn't have been acceptable
18 to the underwriter?

19 **A. I think the opinion -- an opinion**
20 **from counsel to the holding company who**
21 **issued the notes would be less desirable.**
22 **How much less desirable to become**
23 **unacceptable, I don't know.**

24 Q. And as someone familiar with SEC
25 regulations and how companies act initially,

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2 financial statements that are subject to the
3 SEC rules, would a holding company that
4 incorporates its operating company's
5 financial statements into its consolidated
6 financial statements, would it be responsible
7 for the accuracy of all of the financial
8 statements including the subsidiaries'
9 financial statements?

10 **A. The holding company?**

11 Q. Yes, if it issued its own financial
12 statements that were consolidated and
13 including the sub's financial statements,
14 it's responsible for the whole thing; is that
15 correct?

16 **A. Well, it is responsible for its**
17 **financial statements, but this transaction**
18 **involved a great deal more than just**
19 **financial statements and its level of**
20 **responsibility would vary a great deal**
21 **depending on whether that holding company was**
22 **a holding company or a private company.**

23 Q. So if you have a holding company, a
24 company that's going to be issuing securities
25 that are subject to the Securities Act, it

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2 would have a responsibility to ensure that
3 there is no false or misleading statements in
4 its prospectus; is that correct?

5 **A. In its prospectus, yes.**

6 Q. And to the extent that its
7 prospectus incorporates information about its
8 operating subsidiary, it would still have a
9 responsibility to do due diligence and have a
10 basis to say that the operating company's
11 financial statements are correct?

12 **A. That's true.**

13 Q. And that's true of any public
14 holding company has got an obligation to do
15 that when it issues securities, correct?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. So in your experience, is it
18 typical for public holding companies to have
19 access to the staff of its public operating
20 companies so that it can comply with the
21 securities laws in issuing its own
22 securities?

23 MR. FRIEDMAN: Is your question
24 limited to public operating companies?

25 Q. It's public operating companies and

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2 public holding companies is the question.
3 Public on both levels.

4 **A. Yes.**

5 Q. You say in your opinion on page 3,
6 second sentence of the second paragraph,
7 under number 3, that "the truth of the matter
8 is, however, that the note issuances could
9 not have been affected without them", and I
10 believe based on the context that the them is
11 the other actions that Marvel staff and
12 advisors took in connection with this
13 transaction.

14 What is your basis for that
15 statement?

16 **A. Well, it's an opinion. It's my**
17 **opinion. It's based upon what actually did**
18 **happen and what I think a placement agent and**
19 **noteholders would likely demand in a**
20 **situation such as this. I mean, this is an**
21 **unusual situation in that the holding company**
22 **is a shell. But it's being asked to issue**
23 **notes for a large amount of money. So it is**
24 **an unusual transaction. The questions you**
25 **put to me about a public holding company**

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2 were, I think --

3 Q. More general?

4 A. Yes. So that's the basis for --
5 this is my experience and an analysis of the
6 transaction, but it's only an opinion.

7 Q. Is there a -- is there any effort
8 that you made to look at comparable
9 transactions or comparable companies,
10 comparable issuances before you reached this
11 opinion?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did you look up any economic or
14 industry or market literature research before
15 you reached this opinion?

16 A. No.

17 I think it is an opinion based on
18 my experience, familiarity with 10(b)(5)
19 opinions, and what would be expected by, as I
20 said, by the placement agents or the
21 noteholders, the investors. And that's
22 informed by many years of advising investors
23 in private placements as well as public
24 offerings. But it is just an opinion.

25 Q. If you look at page 4 of your

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2 report.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I asked you some questions that
5 caused this to come up earlier, but I don't
6 think I have explored it fully.

7 Is that your final conclusion is
8 that you take into consideration all of these
9 issues that you discussed and believe that
10 the consideration that Marvel would have
11 required would likely have been in the order
12 of magnitude of 150 million dollars.

13 Can you explain to me the
14 methodology that you used to reach that 150
15 million dollar figure?

16 A. Well, it wasn't rocket science or
17 science of any kind. It's just a ballpark
18 judgment. I mean, ballpark being another way
19 of saying order of magnitude. And it is a
20 large number. This was a large transaction
21 in the sense of 553 million dollars being
22 extracted from the company indirectly and
23 going to one stockholder rather than all the
24 stockholders. So at a cost of potential harm
25 to the -- so you look at that, and you look

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2 at the market cap of the company, Marvel at
3 that time, and say something in this order of
4 magnitude would be enough. If, and I keep
5 coming back to the if, because it is very
6 important in my mind. If I were prepared to
7 do this at all.

8 Q. The first offering, I don't have
9 the offering memoranda in front of me. Maybe
10 Mr. Friedman can correct me if I'm wrong, but
11 I think the numbers of the first offering are
12 in the range of 380, 390 million dollars?

13 MR. FRIEDMAN: The proceeds of
14 the first offerings I think were in
15 the range of 288.

16 MR. LOCKWOOD: You're right.

17 Okay.

18 Q. So 288 million dollars, off by 100
19 million. Did you do an analysis of -- let's
20 say that was the only offering, can you tell
21 me under your methodology what the bargaining
22 threshold would have been for that -- because
23 I take it the bargaining would have happened
24 serially, there would have been first
25 offering bargaining, second offering

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2 bargaining, third offering bargaining, so at
3 the second session?

4 A. Do we know, you asked the question,
5 wouldn't you, how many times are you going to
6 do this? I mean, how much money are you
7 going to extract?

8 Q. Let's see if we can break it down.
9 The first offering happens in 1993, it's 288
10 million dollars of the proceeds of the
11 offering, and you're on the board, and I'm
12 just trying to understand based on you have
13 150 million dollars listed here. Can you
14 describe for me under the methodology you
15 employed how much money you would have sought
16 in that first offering?

17 A. Well, what I'm trying to ask you is
18 do I know that the ultimate issuance will be
19 553 or is it something less?

20 Q. No, at the first offering, all you
21 know is it is 288. You don't have a crystal
22 ball, you don't know what's going to happen
23 in the future. There is one offering and the
24 facts is as they were at the time in 1993.

25 MR. FRIEDMAN: I want to object

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2 to the line of questioning because the
3 Fowler report, unless I'm mistaken,
4 does not break down the negotiations
5 offering by offering. And I don't
6 think there is any basis for the
7 questions along those lines. But if
8 you want to correct me, I'll stand
9 corrected.

10 **A. The Fowler negotiation implies it's**
11 **one negotiation.**

12 Q. Well, let me see if I can help you.
13 I don't want to interrupt you, but I want to
14 respond to your statement.

15 If you look at page 30, the
16 concluding statement of Mr. Fowler's report,
17 it says, paragraph 60, he says that the
18 payments to Marvel would have been 3.8 to 7.6
19 for the Marvel holdings notes, 1.7 to 3.4 for
20 the Marvel parent notes, and 0.9 to 1.1
21 million for the Marvel III notes for a total
22 of 6.3 to 12.6 million.

23 What I'm trying to get at, does
24 your analysis provide for a similar breakdown
25 of an offering by offering amount?

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2 A. I haven't done that kind of
3 analysis.

4 Q. And so you haven't done it to date.
5 Can you describe for me how I can do it using
6 the methodology you employ, how can I do that
7 breakdown?

8 A. Well, the market cap of the company
9 is still whatever it was, two billion. This
10 is a smaller amount of wealth extraction. So
11 it would imply a smaller absolute dollar
12 value of consideration.

13 Q. Okay.

14 So other than it would be smaller,
15 which makes sense to me, what factors would I
16 look at to determine how much it is?

17 A. Well, it would -- on the other side
18 of things, I would have to think about the
19 restrictions and the participation are all
20 the same. The restrictions could harm me,
21 but there is less money to be paid off and
22 get rid of the restrictions, but the
23 potential harm is still there. And I mean,
24 basically I think as Mr. Fowler says, I would
25 have to be thinking of this debt as Marvel

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2 debt. Because that's how the rating agencies
3 look at it. That's how the world looks at
4 it. So you look at it as Marvel debt for
5 which it is getting no benefit.

6 I think the percentage of the
7 proceeds that I would ask for would probably
8 go up as the amount being raised went down.
9 But I don't know how to tell you right here
10 what percentage of 288 I would be asking for.
11 I would have to -- the potential harm does
12 not decline in proportion to the decline in
13 the 553 to 288 in my opinion. It declines,
14 but not at the same rate.

15 So I think you have stumped me and
16 I can't answer that question with any
17 precision.

18 Q. If you go back to the beginning of
19 your report, page 1.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. In the paragraph at the bottom of
22 the page, it starts "in my opinion".

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. You stated that "the negotiation
25 depicted by Mr. Fowler bears little

1 Longstreth
2 resemblance to one might reasonably expect to
3 occur in a truly arm's length negotiation.
4 Exchange one unrealistically starts with
5 Marvel saying the restrictions hinder our
6 ability to operate Marvel."

7 Is it your understanding that the
8 exchanges listed by Mr. Fowler represent a
9 script or a dialogue of how these discussions
10 would have taken place?

11 **A. I think that's what he said it was.**

12 **Q. Well, if you read paragraph 59 of**
13 **Mr. Fowler's report.**

14 **A. 59, okay.**

15 **Q. Paragraph 59 on page 27.**

16 **A. Okay.**

17 **Q. Under the heading "Outcome of the**
18 **Arm's Length Negotiation".**

19 **A. Yes.**

20 **Q. He says, "My judgment is that**
21 **Marvel and M&F Holdings would have covered**
22 **all of these points discussed above in their**
23 **negotiation."**

24 So you understand that he is
25 referring to the previous?

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2 **A. The whole thing, yes.**

3 Q. Yeah, report. And then he says,
4 "The negotiation would likely occur through a
5 series of back and forth exchanges between
6 the parties where each side asserted their
7 benefits and redistributions to the Marvel
8 holding companies and the costs incurred by
9 Marvel."

10 Without getting to the exact
11 exchanges that Mr. Fowler proposes, do you
12 agree with that approach to laying out how a
13 hypothetical negotiation would take place to
14 try to identify what the back and forth
15 exchanges on arguments or leverage points
16 would be?

17 **A. Well, except the tense on the word**
18 **incurred is not -- I mean, it's not costs**
19 **incurred. It's the potential harm to the**
20 **company that results from accepting these**
21 **restrictions. That's all.**

22 Q. And you understood whether or not
23 you were agreeing with this analysis that he
24 did look to what the potential costs to
25 Marvel would be from the restrictions; is

1 Longstreth

2 that right?

3 A. No, I don't think he really took
4 adequately into consideration the bet your
5 ranch problem. I think it's -- there is a
6 high level of technical analysis that as I
7 see, it looks solely to the status quo or
8 things getting better, but doesn't look to
9 the issue of what could happen, what could go
10 wrong that would impair Marvel.

11 That would be my overall criticism
12 of this analysis. I mean, in other words,
13 dwelling on the idea of incurrence test
14 versus maintenance test is not the way I
15 would like at this. I look at it more
16 broadly as what could go wrong that would
17 cause these restrictions to impair Marvel's
18 chances of prospering or surviving. I mean,
19 we are faced in this case with the unusual
20 circumstance that bad things did happen. So
21 it isn't -- I think from my perspective, it's
22 hard to ignore what actually happened in the
23 thinking through what might happen. And
24 that's a reality.

25 Q. And other than the fact that

1 Longstreth

2 Mr. Perelman wasn't willing to put his own
3 money into Marvel, are you aware of any facts
4 as things actually happened supporting the
5 view that these restrictions somehow
6 precluded Marvel from restructuring or
7 reorganizing itself when it got into
8 financial distress?

9 A. Well, they couldn't -- I mean, no
10 one else could put money in. It wasn't just
11 Perelman.

12 Q. What's your basis for that
13 statement?

14 A. Well, the minutes describe a
15 situation, Mr. Perelman describes a situation
16 that says that we can't -- the noteholders
17 are so disbursed that we can't get hold of
18 them to ask them to consider a waiver.

19 Q. With respect to his proposal,
20 correct?

21 A. Or any proposal.

22 Q. Does he say with respect to any
23 proposal or does he say with respect to his
24 proposal?

25 A. I think it was with respect to his

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2 proposal, but I mean that's because that was
3 the proposal on the table, but there could
4 have been others.

5 Q. And I take it you haven't read
6 Mr. Icahn's deposition; is that correct?

7 A. I think that's correct.

8 Q. And you haven't read Mr. Intrieri's
9 deposition?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Have you looked at any documents
12 from the bankruptcy court?

13 A. I looked at what I said I looked
14 at.

15 Q. I keep finding some things that you
16 have looked at that aren't on there.

17 A. Only one thing.

18 Q. I'm trying to confirm you didn't
19 look at any of the bankruptcy filings.

20 A. I don't think so. Such as what?
21 Give me an example.

22 Q. Such as the motions or orders or
23 proposed plans of reorganizations or offers
24 to buy stock, those kind of things that came
25 out of the bankruptcy court?

1 Longstreth

2 A. No.

3 MR. LOCKWOOD: Why don't we take
4 a break.

5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
6 4:28 and we're going off the record.

7 (Thereupon, a recess was taken,
8 and then the proceedings continued as
9 follows:)

10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 4:32 and we're
11 back on the record.

12 MR. LOCKWOOD: I have no further
13 questions for the witness at this
14 time. Obviously if he is going to
15 formulate any additional opinions, I
16 reserve my right to ask additional
17 questions.

18 One thing I would like to point
19 out, I noticed toward the end of the
20 deposition that Mr. Longstreth, there
21 was a couple of times where I think
22 you were writing on the record
23 exhibit, so to the extent that there
24 is handwriting on the official
25 exhibits that that's the handwriting

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2 that the witness undertook during the
3 course of the deposition. If copies
4 have that handwriting, that's where it
5 came from.

6 THE WITNESS: I did write in one
7 of those things.

8 MR. LOCKWOOD: That's it.

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It's 4:33 and
10 this concludes the deposition.

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BEVIS LONGSTRETH

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13 Subscribed and sworn to before me
14 this ____ day of _____, 2006.

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Rebuttal Expert Report of Bevis
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STATE OF NEW YORK)

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COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I, Adrienne M. Mignano, a Notary
Public within and for the State of New
York, do hereby certify:

That BEVIS LONGSTRETH, the
witness whose deposition is
hereinbefore set forth, was duly sworn
by me and that such deposition is a
true record of the testimony given by
the witness.

I further certify that I am not
related to any of the parties to this
action by blood or marriage, and that I
am in no way interested in the outcome
of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 25th day of
May 2006.



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-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Lockwood [mailto:PLOCKWOO@skadden.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2005 5:25 PM
To: Stubbs, Emily A.
Subject: RE: Cantor v. Perelman: Proposed Schedule

Emily

Per our telephone discussions and my voicemail of this afternoon, attached is a proposed scheduling order. With exceptions I've already discussed, it tracks your initial proposal. I added a few things that come from the Judge's off-the-rack scheduling order.

I've got to run to a parent-teacher conference at my daughter's school tonight, so I will call you first thing AM.

>>> "Stubbs, Emily A." <estubbs@fklaw.com> 09/15/05 10:13 AM >>>

Paul,

Please send us your response to our proposed schedule as soon as possible. We were hoping we would have time to try to resolve any disagreements and still make a joint submission to the Court this week.
Emily

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stubbs, Emily A.
> Sent: Friday, September 09, 2005 3:21 PM
> To: 'plockwoo@skadden.com'
> Cc: Friedman, Edward A.; Rapport, Daniel B.
> Subject: Cantor v. Perelman: Proposed Schedule

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> Paul:

> In accordance with Judge Jordan's directions during today's telephone

> conference, we propose the following schedule for briefing of the
> outstanding issues, completion of expert discovery, and submission
of

> the pretrial order:

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> Jury trial briefs (simultaneous briefing, 10 pages): Oct.
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> Submissions re: privilege issues (simultaneous letter briefs): Oct.
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> Service of new expert reports: Jan. 13

> Service of rebuttal expert reports: March 3

> Completion of expert depositions: April

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> Plaintiffs serve draft of pretrial order:

> May 22

> Defendants serve response to plaintiffs' draft

> with any proposed additions and revisions: June 8

> Submit final joint pretrial order to Court: June 28

> Parties file jury instructions, verdict forms, jury interrogatories:

> Aug. 7 Pretrial conference:

TBD by

> court, date proposed is on or about Sept. 11

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> Oct. 27, 2006

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> Please let me know if these dates are acceptable to you. Thanks,
Emily

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE
IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

RONALD CANTOR, IVAN SNYDER and :
JAMES A. SCARPONE, as TRUSTEES OF :
THE MAFCO LITIGATION, and as :
SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO MARVEL :
ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC. et al., :

Plaintiffs, :

v. :

RONALD O. PERELMAN, MAFCO :
HOLDINGS INC., MacANDREWS & :
FORBES HOLDINGS INC., ANDREWS :
GROUP INC., WILLIAM C. BEVINS and :
DONALD G. DRAPKIN, :

Defendants. :

C. A. No. 97-586 RRM (KAJ)

SCHEDULING ORDER

At Wilmington, Delaware, this ____ day of _____, 2005,

Following a scheduling conference held on September 9, 2005, IT IS ORDERED
that:

1. **Discovery**

(a) **Fact Discovery.** Fact discovery is complete and neither party
can initiate additional fact discovery without leave of the Court.

(b) **Disclosure of Expert Testimony.** Either party may identify
supplemental expert testimony on or before January 13, 2005 by filing a supplemental
report in accordance with Federal Rule 26(a)(2). The parties shall file rebuttal expert
reports on or before March 3, 2006. Depositions upon oral examinations of experts so
identified shall be initiated so that it will be completed on or before April 21, 2006.

(c) Daubert Motions. To the extent any objection to expert testimony is made pursuant to the principles announced in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993), it shall be made by motion no later than June 14, 2006, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

(d) Discovery Disputes (In General). Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, the party seeking the relief shall contact chambers at (302) 573-6001 to schedule a telephone conference. Not less than forty-eight hours prior to the conference, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a letter, not to exceed three pages, outlining the issues in dispute and its position on those issues. (The Court does not seek extensive argument or authorities at this point; it seeks simply a statement of the issue to be addressed and or summary of the basis for the party's position on the issue.) Not less than twenty-four hours prior to the conference, any party opposing the application for relief may file a letter, not to exceed three pages, outlining that party's reasons for its opposition. Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the Court will order it.

(e) The Pending Motion to Compel The parties should meet and confer to resolve the outstanding dispute regarding defendants' assertion of the attorney-client privilege. If the parties are not able to resolve that dispute, then on or before October 21, 2005, plaintiffs shall renew their application, in accordance with the procedure set forth in the prior paragraph, by making their request for a teleconference.

2. Motion to Strike Jury Demand Defendants shall file their motion to strike the jury demand and supporting papers on or before October 21, 2005. The motion shall be briefed in accordance with the Court's Local Rules.

2. Pretrial Conference On September ___, 2006, the Court will hold a Rule 16(d) Final Pretrial Conference in Courtroom No. ___ with counsel beginning at ___ .m. On or before May 8, 2006, plaintiffs' counsel shall forward to defendants' counsel a draft of the pretrial order with the information plaintiff proposes to include in that draft. On or before June 8, 2006, defendants' counsel shall, in turn, provide plaintiffs' counsel with comments on the plaintiffs' draft and the information the defendants intend to include in the proposed order. Each party shall include in the draft pretrial order an identification of each expert witness that party expects to call to testify at the trial and a brief statement of the substance of each opinion the expert will testify to at the trial. The final pretrial order shall be filed with the Court on or before June 28, 2006. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties should assume that filing the pretrial order satisfies the pretrial disclosure requirement in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3).

2. Motions in Limine. *Motions in Limine* shall not be separately filed. All *in limine* requests and responses thereto shall be set forth in the proposed pretrial order. Each party shall be limited to five *in limine* requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court. The *in limine* request and any response shall contain the authorities relied upon; each *in limine* request may be supported by a maximum of five pages of argument and may be opposed by a maximum of five pages of argument. If more than one party is supporting or opposing an *in limine* request, such support or opposition shall be combined in a single five (5) page submission, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. No separate briefing shall be submitted on *in limine* requests, unless otherwise permitted by the Court.

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3. Jury Instructions, Voir Dire, and Special Verdict Forms. If the case is to be tried to a jury, pursuant to Local Rules 47 and 51, the parties should simultaneously exchange draft proposed instructions to the jury, special verdict forms and jury interrogatories on August 7, 2006. The parties shall file proposed voir dire, instructions to the jury, and special verdict forms and jury interrogatories three full business days before the final pretrial conference. That submission shall be accompanied by a computer diskette (in WordPerfect format) which contains the instructions, proposed voir dire, special verdict forms and jury interrogatories.

4. Trial. This matter is scheduled for a trial beginning at 9:30 a.m. on October 10, 2006 and shall conclude on October 27, 2006.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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2 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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4 RONALD CANTOR, IVAN SNYDER,)
5 JAMES A. SCARPONE, as)
6 Trustee of the MAFCO)
7 Litigation Trust,)

8) Plaintiffs,)

9) - against -) Index No.

10) RONALD O. PERELMAN;) 97-586 (KAJ)

11) MAFCO HOLDINGS, INC.,)
12) MacANDREWS & FORBES)

13) HOLDINGS, INC.; ANDREWS)
14) GROUP INCORPORATED;)

15) WILLIAM C. BEVINS;)
16) DONALD G. DRAPKIN,)

17) Defendants.)

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16 VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF ANDREW S. CARRON

17 New York, New York

18 Friday, April 7, 2006

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10 Videotaped Deposition of ANDREW S.

11 CARRON, held at 4 Times Square, New York, New

12 York, pursuant to Notice, before DIANE HARTY,

13 a Notary Public of the State of New York.

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2 to try to reformulate this idea, but it's one I'm

3 having trouble grasping.

4 Suppose the indenture covenants could

5 be imposed on Marvel only with the consent of

6 Marvel. Is it your opinion that the value of that

7 consent is \$156.7 million?

8 A. I hadn't thought about it in that

9 framework, but I think that the value to the

10 issuer of obtaining that consent and thereby being

11 permitted to issue the note was worth

12 156.7 million.

13 Q. Okay. Let me keep at it.

14 Am I correct that you are offering no

15 opinion as to the value to the buyers of the notes

16 of the indenture covenants?

17 A. It's -- it's true I'm not offering that

18 opinion. It's possible that one could determine

19 that value from the work that I've done, but I'm

20 not offering that opinion.

21 Q. And you have not been asked to give

22 such an opinion?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. Now, that \$156.7 million value of the

25 consent that we just talked about, you are not

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19 Defendants.)
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21 taken pursuant to notice at the law offices of
22 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, One Rodney
23 Square, 7th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at
24 8:36 a.m., on Monday, May 8, 2006, before Kurt A.
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ALSO PRESENT:

6 LINDSAY DuPHILY - VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR
DISCOVERY VIDEO SERVICES

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9 THE VIDEOTAPE OPERATOR: This is the
10 videotape deposition of Mr. Lawrence A. Hamermesh
11 taken by the plaintiff in the matter of Ronald Cantor,
12 Plaintiffs, versus Ronald O. Perelman, Civil Action
13 No. 97-586.

14 This deposition is being held in the
15 offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom,
16 Wilmington, Delaware. We are going on the record at
17 approximately 8:36 a.m. on May 8, 2006.

18 The court reporter is Kurt Fetzer from the
19 firm of Wilcox & Fetzer, Wilmington, Delaware.

20 My name is Lindsay DuPhily and I'm the
21 videotape specialist of Discovery Video Services in
22 association with Wilcox & Fetzer.

23 Counsel will now introduce themselves and
24 then the court reporter will swear in the witness.

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1 plan to.

2 Q. How much are you being paid?

3 A. I'm paid at the rate of \$400 per hour.

4 Q. And what's the total number of hours you have
5 spent on this assignment so far?

6 A. Not a lot. I didn't look that up and I don't
7 remember. It's a fairly small number.

8 Q. So your total compensation is what you're
9 referring to now?

10 A. Or hours, whichever way. It's the same thing.

11 Q. Who has paid you so far?

12 A. I'm not sure anybody has paid me yet.

13 Q. Please tell me what documents or other
14 materials you considered in preparation of your
15 report.

16 A. Well, let's see. In preparing my report I
17 looked at some case law, including the cases that are
18 cited in the report.

19 I looked at an excerpt from the notes
20 prospectuses, one of the notes prospectuses, and
21 reviewed the opinion of the Third Circuit in this
22 matter and a brief in the Third Circuit prepared by
23 the defendants.

24 Q. Is that a complete list of the documents you

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1 reviewed in connection with this matter?

2 A. It's what I can come up with right now. There
3 may have been one or two others, but that's all I can
4 remember.

5 MS. STUBBS: Tom, we request that a
6 complete list of materials considered be provided.

7 MR. ALLINGHAM: Okay.

8 BY MS. STUBBS:

9 Q. Were there any communications with Skadden
10 lawyers in which information was provided to you that
11 you considered in the preparation of the report?

12 A. The documents I just mentioned.

13 Q. Any other oral communications in which
14 information was provided to you?

15 A. Yes. I'm sorry. After I prepared my report --
16 are you talking about in preparation of the report or
17 after?

18 Q. Anything you considered in the preparation of
19 your report.

20 A. Okay. I don't believe there was any -- I don't
21 remember any information being supplied in connection
22 with the preparation of my report beyond what we have
23 already discussed.

24 Q. When you said just a moment ago after you